

## AUSTRIAN CARMELITES.

A VERY CHARMING PICTURE OF LIFE IN A NUNNERY.

[Readers of the Union will, were sure, be interested in the following beautiful extracts furnished us by Miss Katherine E. Conway, from a letter received from the Hon. Alice Seymour, late English instructor in the imperial family of Austria, and now the guest of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Nazareth Convent, Rochester. This accomplished lady is an American, by birth and education. She is known in the world of letters as "Octavia Hensel," and is a valued correspondent of the New York Home Journal and the San Francisco Chronicle.—E. C. U.]

The town of Gmund, at the foot of the lake, about an hour's drive from the Villa. The carriage road lies along the shore of the beautiful Traunsee, a perfect paradise of loveliness; every moment is filled with scenes worthy of each to the gates of heaven, and from the delight manifested by the imperial children when a visit to the Carmelite convent is before us, one would suppose we were going to the region of the blest. This morning after lunch, the little princess bounded into my room exclaiming "Mais quel plaisir!"—"Come, lady, we are going to spend the afternoon at the convent!"—"The Carmelite?" I asked, hardly daring to hope such good fortune was mine. How often have I read of these little saints—their utter self-renunciation—their sufferings and Christ-like patience and pity for those who sin—the perfect seclusion of their lives—their privations—their unceasing prayers for the world's people.

"Yes—the Carmelites," it was her Imperial Highness the Archduchess who replied to my question. "We have the special dispensation and are allowed the privilege of visiting the Sisters," she continued, "and you lady shall accompany Madame."

This is the title by which the young Princesses are designated.

We left the Villa about three o'clock. It was a golden September day, the blue waters of the Traunsee seemed transformed by the breeze into a floor of rippling diamonds, and the glorious mountain of the Sleeping Turk rose in giant masses of gray rock far above the massive foliage of beech and pine trees at its base. Many were the superb villas we passed, for this portion of the Salzburgerland is the favorite resort of the Imperial families of Austria.

The convent is situated upon the rising ground near the old church of the Capuchins, and fronts the village street just beyond the bridge over the river Traunsee.

It seems a very unpretending two-story wall built of stone, but covered with cement colored with a pale yellow wash. The entrance door is two or three stone steps above the pavement.

## THE EXILES FROM ACADIA.

The Madawaska settlement in Maine comprises a strip of country lying along the St. John river, beginning at Houlton, a half dozen miles from Grand Falls, N. B., and extending in a northwesterly direction fifty miles to the river. There are eleven towns or organized plantations with an aggregate population of something like 7,500, of which three quarters or more is of French descent. The exiles from Acadia, immortalized in "Evangeline," were the first settlers in this valley, which, though in a high latitude than Quebec, and oppressed by long and severe winters, of which some wonderful stories are told, is one of the most fertile and beautiful in New England. The original settlers and the Canadians who have joined them occupy a wide strip of intervalle land along the bank of the St. John.

Travelers have often described the manners of this simple people. They are as unlike the Yankees fifty miles to the south of them as can well be imagined. They have no genius for accumulation, no desire for improvement. They were born without ambition, and enjoy life correspondingly. "The Lord got along well enough before we were born," they say, "and he will after we are gone." A New England man would call them shiftless. Their farming is of the most primitive order. There has been no change in the style of their buildings for a century, and many of them have none. Yet they are industrious in their own way. Their wants are few and easily supplied. A few months work at lumbering in winter provides what ready money they need during the year. The traders handle less money than any one else in the country. Barter is the rule, not the exception. They are a happy people and the strains of a fiddle, such as can be frequently heard by the traveler, will at any time keep a dozen of them in contented idleness for a half a day.

They are religious. All are ardent Catholics, and the churches which they have erected are in striking contrast to the prevailing architecture. A convent and school on the New Brunswick side of the river are noted throughout the whole

section, and the latter is well patronized by parents all the way from Grand Falls to Quebec. It is a sight to see the throngs making their way towards church on Sunday morning. Some on foot, some in carriages which carry a fashionable people half a century ago, some in gigs of the rudest home manufacture, here half a dozen in a wagon, there a larger party in a hay rack. They will start, many of them three or four hours before Mass, and drive all distances, from one to a dozen miles. The feast days of the Church are celebrated as nowhere else in New England. After Mass the priest gives notice of any coming occurrence likely to be of interest to his flock, such as the fact that a trader will be at a designated place on a given day to buy cattle, for the people, it should be remembered, have no newspapers.—Boston Herald.

## THE HOME OF ST. COLUMBA.

Fraser's Magazine.

At the western extremity of the Gravelock group there is a small island separated from its larger neighbor by a narrow strait. Its cliffs are lower, more broken and rugged; and far down over their beetling brows appear patches of grass and wild flowers, which give them a softer appearance. Fronting the mainland, the island rises abruptly in a well-like face, but at the back it slopes gradually down to the level of the sea. In some places its trap-dikes have been isolated by the action of the tides, and project from the rocks like Cyclopean walls; while at the south end there are deep, even, rocky and with ivy, and huge arches like the fantastic rock scenery of Carisga, on the opposite shore of Mull. A fringe of rugged rocks, with sharp teeth-like projections, standing out in the water, guards on the western side; with tortuous channels, running in among them to the shore like the reefs around a coral island. By the natives of this district this island is called "Eilean na Naomh," or the "Isle of Saints." It has been identified almost beyond a doubt as the "Insula Hiberna," or "Hibernia," to which Adamnan refers in his "Life of St. Columba," as one of the islands on which the great Celtic apostle had founded his earliest monasteries. From time immemorial it has enjoyed a sacred reputation, a "religio loci." Before the time of St. Columba it was probably, like Iona, the seat of so-called Druidic worship, or whatever kind of nature-cult the primitive inhabitants had favored. St. Francis Xavier is still commemorated in that of the neighboring parish of Kilbrannish, had placed upon it a Christian establishment, supposed to have been a college for training preachers of the gospel, previous to its occupation by the monastery of St. Columba; and this establishment was in all likelihood swept away in the severe struggle between the Picts and the Dalriadic Scots in the year 560, which ended in the defeat of the latter. The old Gaelic word for college, viz., *Alach*, is still preserved in the name of Eileach, by which the island is best known in our guide-books. Between it and Ormsay there was once a close ecclesiastical connection; its parsonage and vicarage tithes having, previous to 1630, belonged to the celebrated priory of that island, which in its turn was an appendage of Holyrood abbey, near Edinburgh. Latterly it has been included in the parish of Jura. For many centuries it has been uninhabited, and with the exception of shepherds who pay an occasional visit to it to look after their sheep, and a few zealous antiquaries who land on its shores at long intervals—its stern isolation is never disturbed by the presence of man.

## BEAUTIFUL IRELAND.

The country itself is charmingly picturesque, and the character of the Irish Highland people, less interesting. The average face, the typical Irish peasant face, is a sad face. The physiognomist has but to look on the dark brow, the deep set eye, the compressed lips, the long, oval face, in order to conjecture the character of the people. The poetry of the land, like its music, breathes but of sadness, and that is a voice of sorrow and wailing. The laughing Irishman is a fiction of the stage. The wit, the repartee which so essentially belongs to the people, is engendered by quick fancy out of suffering. It is impossible to mix with these people without feeling that the word "Gaiety" is applied with strict propriety to the Irish, who derive their earliest customs, if not their origin, from the far East. Some of their ways of speech indicate this. "God save you," "God save all here," "God be with you"—these are all identical with the phrases of salutation and benediction used to this hour in the East, where the free hospitality, even to enemies, suggests the beautiful Hindu proverb—"The tree does not withdraw its shade even from the wood-cutter"—are all thoroughly Irish. Vallancey traces hundreds of phrases, idioms, and technical terms in common use in Ireland to the Egyptian, Oriental, and Sanskrit languages. He would call a copy of a book the son of the book. We have heard an Irish Highlander call an echo "the daughter of the voice," which is as good Hebrew as it is Irish. Many of their festivals are also of eastern birth. That of All Hallows eve was anciently dedicated to the sun, and on it offerings were made of fruit, corn and cakes of fine flour, spotted with caraway seeds and stained with saffron. Hence the cake, peculiar to Ireland, and especially to the Highlands—the Barinabree, from *barin*, a cake, and *abree*, speckled. It is customary for bakers to send these cakes as presents to their friends.—Haverly.

One of the greatest punishments which God can inflict upon a soul is to take from it "the means of doing good." This punishment God inflicts "temporarily" on those from whom He expects much and who are not faithful. To-day, for example, you have not encountered a single devotee one in your path. It was God who withdrew them.—Golden Sands.

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